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Overview

Rotary International

- World's oldest service club
- Started in 1905 by Chicago attorney Paul Harris
- 35,000 clubs in 200+ countries; 1.2 million members worldwide in 529 districts

Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa

- Established in 1917. Currently has 155 members
- Member of District 6860 (northern half of Alabama)
- Meetings: Noon on Tuesdays at Indian Hills Country Club
- Fiscal year: July 1 through June 30

Mission of Rotary

- **Service above Self** – in the community, in the workplace and throughout the world. The club is non-political and is open to all cultures, races and creeds.

Benefits of Membership

- The fulfillment of serving and supporting your community and the world
- Networking with influential, productive and ethical members of the community
- Personal growth and development
- Friendship, fellowship and fun

Responsibilities of Membership

- Serve the club, community and the world
- Consistent attendance and participation
- Assist in sustaining and increasing our membership
- Financially support the club, including dues, contribute to the Rotary Foundation

• 4-Way Test - Adopted by Rotary International in 1943

Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Maximize your Rotary Experience

- Attend and make connections
- Serve both our club and the community
- Financially support our club and international projects
- Help us grow

Attendance Expectations

- Attend or make up at least 60% of meetings
- **Make-ups** (two-week window on both sides of missed meeting)
 - Tuscaloosa Morning Club Thursdays at 7:00 a.m. at Indian Hills Country Club
 - Online at www.rotaryeclubone.org
 - Committee meetings (e.g., Honor Flight Committee)
 - Community service projects (e.g., Salvation Army bell ringing at Christmas)
 - Report your makeups to Caroline Williams or sign the Make-up Sheet on the registration desk

Rotary International Leadership

Rotary International President — Ian Riseley — Sandringham Club, Victoria, Australia Rotary International Conference — June 23-27, 2018 in Toronto, Canada

District 6860 Leadership

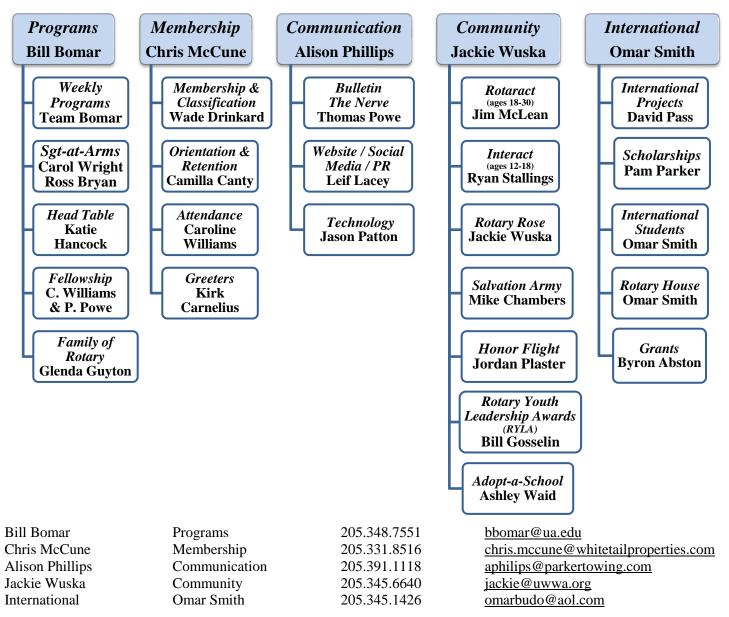
District GovernorSue Mitchell, Ph.D.Dist. Governor's home club is Decatur Daybreak ClubAsst. Dist. Governor – Area EKaren BaldwinServing clubs of Tuscaloosa, Aliceville, Gordo, Reform

Asst. Dist. Governor – Area J Susan Caples Serving clubs of Birmingham, Jasper

Club Leadership



Club Directors



The Rotary Foundation (TRF)

During the past 100 years, The Rotary Foundation (of Rotary International) has spent \$3 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. More than 90% of donations go directly to supporting international Rotary projects. TRF has wiped out 99.9% of all polio cases. A child can be protected from polio with as little as 60 cents. For every \$1 Rotary commits to polio eradication, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation commits \$2.

Levels of Giving

- **Sustaining Member** Donate \$100 or more per year.
- **Benefactor** Donate \$1,000 outright or include the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary.
- Paul Harris Fellow Donate \$1,000 to the Annual Fund, Polio Plus, or an approved Foundation grant.
- **Bequest Society** Donate \$10,000 or more via your estate plan.
- **Major Donor** Make cumulative donations of \$10,000.
- Arch Klumph Society Donate a total of \$250,000 or more during your lifetime.

(Named after the sixth president of Rotary International.)

Tuscaloosa Rotary Memorial Foundation (TRMF)

- Charitable arm of our club created in 1971. Tax deductible 501(c)(3) entity
- Separate and distinct from The Rotary Foundation (of Rotary International)
- Separate budget and separate Board of Directors from the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa
- Board of Directors of TRMF for 2017-2018:
 - Morgan Mann (treasurer), Pam Parker (secretary), Steve Wiggins (terms end June 2018)
 - Rufus Lewis (president), Charles Nash, John Snider (terms end June 2019)
 - Jo Bonner, Joe May, Lynn Shaw (terms end June 2020)
 - Incumbent Rotary Club president is always a member
- Since 1971, about \$900,000 has been contributed by members for local community projects, e.g., Rotary International Student House on UA campus, DCH Regional Medical Center, Rotary Room at Tuscaloosa Library, Boy Scouts Camp Horne, Children's Hands-on-Museum, FOCUS on Senior Citizens, Girl Scouts Activity Center, United Cerebral Palsy Butterfly Park, Rotary Honor Flight, Tuscaloosa tornado relief, Salvation Army shelter.

Rotary Publications and Websites

- The Rotarian RI monthly magazine via snail mail; change to digital receipt at https://my.rotary.org.
- The Nerve Our club's weekly bulletin via email.
- Club website Public website: https://my.rotary.org.
- DACdb website District And Club database Password protected; official club directory, member photos; track your attendance, etc: http://www.directory-online.com/Rotary, click on "My Club."
- District website <u>www.rotary6860.org.</u>
- RI website <u>www.rotary.org.</u>

Financial Information

Obligations

- **Membership Fee** Payment required prior to Induction........\$ 120 Returning members and transfers pay \$30

Optional Donations

- Your contribution of \$25/quarter or \$100/year or more is forwarded to The Rotary Foundation. When your contributions total \$1,000, you become a Paul Harris Fellow.
- A Paul Harris Fellow does not have to be a Rotarian. You may select a family member or friend to become a Paul Harris Fellow when you reach the \$1,000 requirement for a second, third or more times. You also may pay any remaining financial balance in a lump sum to meet the requirement for you or the person of your choice to become a Paul Harris Fellow.

History of Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa

In the spring of 1916, five men sat around a drug store table in the Alston Building, and discussed the idea of a Rotary Club for Tuscaloosa. Sam Clabaugh, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, agreed to go to Montgomery to learn how to organize a club. The other four – Frank Blair, Edgar Clarkson, William Faulk, and Luther Davis, put up \$2 each to fund the trip.

Sam returned full of enthusiasm and called a meeting at May's Restaurant, which was attended by 35 local men. They decided to organize a club, and after ten meetings an application for charter was submitted to RI Headquarters. The club charter was received February 14, 1917 in the McLester Hotel, presided over by first president Frank Blair. Among other charter members were Catlin Cade, Frank Fitts, Sam Friedman, Victor Friedman and James Searcy.

Early meetings were devoted mostly to fun and fellowship, but membership growth stimulated the emergence of local service projects. New members Andy Lang and Joe Duckworth teamed up with Frank Fitts to promote support of the Salvation Army, YMCA, Red Cross, and Boy Scouts. Rotarians helped establish the local Community Chest, offered student loan funds, donated books to local high schools, sponsored student science fairs, and provided a language lab for a local school.

Tuscaloosa Rotary became an early participant in District affairs and Rotary International representation. James Thomas was the first District Governor from the club, only five years after the chartering, and the club has been tapped for twelve additional governors. Herbert Warner demonstrated his dedication to RI by attendance as a delegate to six international conventions. Community service continued to grow over the years, with current sponsorship of an Interact Club (for ages 12-18) at Hillcrest High School, and a Rotaract Club (for ages 18-30) at the University of Alabama, which was newly formed in 2017.

As integration came to the South, our club led the way in 1973 as the first Rotary Club in Alabama to induct a black member, and in 1998 as the first with a black president. The RI Constitution was amended in 1989 to include women in what had previously been an all-male club. Tuscaloosa was among the first in Alabama to cross this barrier.

During calendar year 2017, the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa has been proudly celebrating its 100th anniversary!

Rotary Fellowships

Rotary Fellowships consist of members worldwide who share a common interest in recreational activities, sports, hobbies or professions. See the following pages for a list of 72 international Rotary Fellowships.



ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

Rotary Fellowships consist of members who share a common interest in recreational activities, sports, hobbies, or professions. These groups help expand skills, foster vocational development, and enhance the Rotary experience by exploring interests while developing connections around the world.

OVERVIEW

- Help participants make lasting friendships outside their own club, district, or country
- · Advance Rotary's public image and identity
- Serve as an incentive for joining Rotary and for maintaining active membership

ORGANIZATION

- Function independently of Rotary International by establishing their own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure.
- Are open to Rotarians, their family members, as well as participants and alumni of all Rotary and Foundation programs.

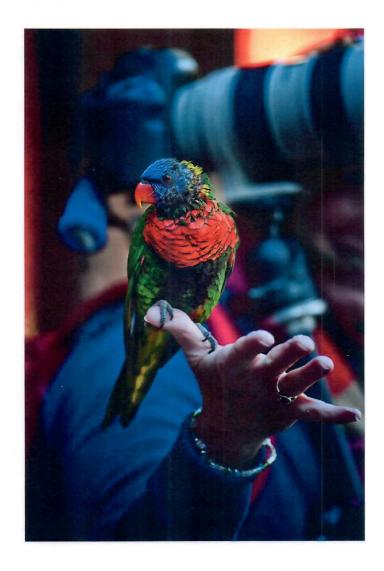
STARTING A NEW FELLOWSHIP

If your recreational or vocational interest isn't represented by Rotary's current Fellowships, contact rotaryfellowships@rotary.org for information about starting a new group.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Visit <u>www.rotary.org/fellowships</u> for additional resources on Rotary Fellowships.

Contact rotaryfellowships@rotary.org with questions.







See next page for a list of 72 Fellowships

ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

4 X 4 Vehicles	http://rotary4x4.org.za	Jazz	www.rotaryjazz.com
Amateur Radio	www.ifroar.org	Latin Culture	https://www.facebook.com/RotariosLatinos/?fref
Antique Automobiles	www.achafr.eu	Lawyers	www.rotarianlawyersfellowship.org
Authors and Writers	https://www.linkedin.com/grp/home?gid=48601 68	Magicians	www.rotarianmagician.org
Beer	www.rotarybrew.org	Magna Graecia	www.fellowshipmagnagraecia.org
Bird Watching	www.ifbr.org	Marathon Running	www.rotarianrun.org
Bowling	http://www.rotariansbowling.org/	Military Veterans	http://rotarianveterans.org/
Canoeing	http://sites.google.com/site/canoeingrotarians/	Motorcycling	www.ifmr.org
Caravanning	www.rotarianscaravanning.org.uk	Music	www.ifrm.org
Chess	www3.sympatico.ca/brian.clark	Old and Rare Books	www.rotaryoldbooks.org
Computer Users	http://www.icufr.org/	Past District Governors	www.pdgsfellowship.org
Cooking	www.rotariangourmet.com	Photographers	www.facebook.com/groups/IFRP1/
Convention Goers	www.conventiongoers.org	Police and Law Enforcement	www.polepfr.org
Corporate Social Responsibility	http://www.csr-rotarianfellowship.org/	Quilters and Fiber Artists	www.rotariansquilt.org
Cricket	www.rotarycricket.org	Railroads	www.ifrr.info
Cruising	www.facebook.com/groups/cruisingrotariansfell owship	Recreational Vehicles	http://www.rvfrinternational.com/home.html
Curling	www.curlingrotarians.com	Rotary Global History	www.rghfhome.org
Cycling	www.cycling2serve.org	Rotary Heritage and History	www.rhhif.org
Doll Lovers	www.rotarydlf.org	Rotary Means Business	www.rotarymeansbusiness.com
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Invironment	www.envirorotarians.org	Scouting	www.ifsr-net.org
Esperanto	http://radesperanto.monsite- orange.fr/index.html	Scuba Diving	www.ifrsd.org
Ethics	www.facebook.com/groups/113395066663010 0/	Shooting Sports	www.shootingsportrotarians.org
Fishing	www.facebook.com/groups/InternationalFellow shipofFishingRotarians	Singles	www.rsfinternational.net
Flying	www.iffr.org	Skiing	www.isfrski.org
Genealogy	https://www.facebook.com/Rlfellowship	Social Networks	www.rosnf.net
Go	www.gpfr.jp	Table Tennis	www.facebook.com/Table-Tennis-Fellowship-of Rotarians-1130180430367736/
Golf	www.igfr-international.com	Tennis	www.itfr.org
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